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# Island Insight



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**'Active-Shooter' Training Takes Place at Arsenal:** Emergency responders from the Rock Island Arsenal and surrounding communities participated in a full-scale exercise on May 15 to test emergency responses and build teamwork among the agencies. Taking part in the exercise were representatives of the Rock Island Arsenal police and fire departments, the Moline Police Department, the Rock Island Police Department, the Federal Bureau of

Investigation, the Scott County Incident Command bus, and the Rock Island County coroner's office. "It is important that the Arsenal conducts these kinds of exercises to ensure we are ready for any unforeseen contingency and work as a team in order to safeguard our workforce, our families and our community," said Brig. Gen. Duane Gamble, deputy commander of Army Sustainment Command. The training involved an "active-shooter" scenario in

which a simulated gunman entered an Arsenal structure and posed a threat to the workforce. Police in the exercise had to subdue the gunman, and emergency responders worked to identify simulated casualties and evacuate wounded personnel to area hospitals. In addition to traditional emergency response, the exercise



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required Arsenal agencies to account for the members of their organizations, to maintain communications among the various commands on the Arsenal, and to create a Joint Information Center to update the simulated media asking questions about the event. ([More](#))

## **Armed Forces Celebrate Special Day:**

Alec Kenfield couldn't wait to get to Brady Street Stadium on Saturday to see the military vehicles on display for the Armed Forces Day celebration. "I was so anxious, I wanted to see what it would be like," said Alec, who is 10 years old and attends Jordan Catholic School, Rock Island. The son of Maj. Leah and Lt. Col. Mike Kenfield of the First Army at the Rock Island Arsenal, Alec said he's trying to decide what to do when he grows up. ([More](#))



## **Arsenal Welcome Club Awards**

**Scholarships Totaling \$20,000:** The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club honored college-bound students with scholarships



during a luncheon here on May 15. "A total of \$20,000 was awarded to 18 students scheduled to attend classes this fall," said Beth Welker RIA Welcome Club Scholarship Committee chairwoman. For those who received scholarships, 11 are graduating from high school this spring and seven are currently attending college, she said, at the Arsenal Golf Club. Scholarships were in the amounts of \$1,000 or \$1,250. ([More](#))

## **ASC Receives Proclamation from Local Mayor for Military Appreciation Month:**

The Army Sustainment Command received a proclamation from Davenport Mayor Bill Gluba and the City Council May 8 at city hall. The proclamation acknowledged May as Military Appreciation Month and encouraged citizens to display the U.S. flag to recognize the valor of veterans and the sacrifices made by military personnel and their families. Representing ASC, headquartered at nearby Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., was Brig. Gen. Duane Gamble, deputy commanding general, and Sgt. Maj.



# Upcoming Dates

- May 21:** RIAWC Golf Tournament [📅](#)
- May 21-22:** USAG-RIA Motorcycle Basic Rider Course [📅](#)
- May 21-23:** Small Business Symposium / Industry Day [📅](#)
- May 23:** Rock Island National Cemetery Flag Placement [📅](#)
- May 23:** USAG-RIA Experienced Rider Course [📅](#)
- May 24:** MWR Spring Golf Scramble
- May 25:** Quad City Raiders' Service Member Appreciation Day [📅](#)
- May 27:** Memorial Day (*Federal Holiday*)
- May 27:** Survivor Outreach Services Memorial Day
- May 27:** Rock Island National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony [📅](#)
- June 11:** USAG-RIA Assumption of Command
- June 11-13:** DA Photo Studio Availability
- June 12:** USAG-RIA Safety Day
- June 15:** Quad Cities Military Salute Gala [📅](#)
- June 15:** Pioneer River Days @ COL Davenport House [📅](#)
- June 18:** USAG-RIA Town Hall
- June 24-28:** USAG-RIA Joint Services Installation Vulnerability Assessment (JSIVA)
- June 27:** RIA 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR Retirement, Retreat & Award Ceremony
- July 2:** JMC Change of Command Ceremony
- July 3:** Red, White & Boom [📅](#)
- July 4:** Independence Day (*Federal Holiday*)
- July 11:** JMTC Change of Command Ceremony
- July 9:** AUSA John Deere Golf Tournament at Arsenal Island Golf Course
- July 9-11:** DA Photo Studio Availability
- July 16-18:** USAG-RIA Motorcycle Experienced Rider Course [📅](#)
- July 26:** RIA AUSA 2013 Golf Outing & Steak Fry
- Aug. 6-9:** DA Photo Studio Availability
- Aug. 9:** First Army Organization Day (T)



Keith Jones, Distribution Management Center, ASC. ([More](#))

## **Hagel Makes 'Difficult Choice,' Civilian Furloughs to Begin July 8:**

The Pentagon has reduced the number of days it will require its civilian workforce to be furloughed due to sequestration from 14 to 11 and is expanding its list of employees who will be exempt from the cash-saving measure. The decision means roughly 680,000 DoD civilians will be required to take one day off per week without pay, cutting by half the number of furlough days DoD originally projected earlier this year when it was contending with both the prospect of a full-year continuing resolution and sequestration. ([More](#))



## **Lawmakers Protest DOD Furlough Policy:**

More than two dozen House members sent a letter to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel protesting his decision to furlough DOD civilian employees for 11 days over the



remainder of the fiscal year. The May 15 bipartisan letter, sent on the eve of Hagel's announcement, took particular exception to the fact that the across-the-board mandatory furloughs also would apply to DOD components that have found ways to avoid furloughs within their operations. ([More](#))

## **Several Key Proposals for Employees at Stake:**

The House and Senate budget resolutions differ in many ways affecting federal employees. Most notably, the House plan calls for a 10 percent reduction in the workforce through attrition and for equalizing the employer and employee contributions toward federal retirement benefits, which would mean about a 5.5 percent of salary increase in the employee share. ([More](#))



## **Credit Unions Offer Help to Furloughed Feds:**

The National Association of Federal Credit Unions is reassuring credit union members suffering the financial effects of sequestration that credit unions may be able to help. NAFCU has published a "Credit Union Furlough Assistance" page on its website that contains a links

to credit unions that are offering special programs for federal employees whose finances are taking a hit because of furloughs. ([More](#))

## **No New Fiscal Cliff Looming:**

The latest extension of the government's borrowing authority expires Sunday (May 19) but unlike many prior similar situations, there apparently won't be the kind of budgetary brinksmanship that several times has threatened partial government shutdowns and potential defaults on debt payments. ([More](#))



## **Adding Fuel to the "Perfect Storm" for Federal Pay and Benefits:**

The Internal Revenue Service is the agency that Americans love to hate. It is probably the agency that is the most feared because of its power to disrupt your life, your finances and make your life miserable while leaving you with fewer resources than you had before you became a target of an investigation or an audit. With the current controversy surrounding the agency for targeting of conservative groups based on political beliefs, the agency is making news





which has negative implications for the federal workforce. ([More](#))

**Army Supports President's Request for 2015 BRAC Round:** As the Army cuts the number of Soldiers in its ranks, there will be an excess of infrastructure in place that used to support those Soldiers.



Maintaining that extra unused infrastructure could mean other critical Army programs will suffer, said a senior official. "A future round of base realignment and closure, or BRAC, in the U.S. is essential to identify and reduce excess Army infrastructure, and prudently align our civilian staffing with reduced uniform force structure," said Katherine Hammack, the assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment. ([More](#))

**SMA: 'We Can Never Say Thank You Enough to Our Wounded Warriors':** Warrior Games and similar activities are "testaments to the nation's support for our wounded warriors, honoring their service and sacrifices," said



the Army's top enlisted leader. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III and his wife Jeanne are at the 2013 Warrior Games, where they are visiting wounded warriors this week as they compete in a number of sporting events at the Air Force Academy and Olympic venues here. ([More](#))

### **DOD Approves Apple iPhones, iPads for Military Use:**

The Defense Department will allow government-issued iPhones and iPads to connect to the military's networks, the Pentagon announced Friday. The Defense Information Systems Agency approved Apple mobile devices using the iOS 6 operating system. But DISA only approved government-issued iPhones and iPads, and said that personally-owned Apple mobile devices will not be allowed on military networks. ([More](#))



### **Hagel: Solving Sexual Assault Crisis**

**Will Take 'All of Us':** Sexual assault in the military is a crime and a problem that all military members at all levels will have to fight together, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said today. This is going to take all of us," Hagel said during a joint Pentagon news conference

with Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Hagel noted he and Dempsey, along with the service secretaries and chiefs of staff, attended an, "important, productive" White House meeting yesterday with President Barack Obama to address the situation, which Dempsey has termed a "crisis." The meeting was important, Hagel said, because "It gave the president an opportunity to ask questions directly, and get the sense of this huge problem, serious problem in our military." ([More](#))

### **Army Chief of Staff Addresses Sexual Assault & Harassment:**

Over the last twelve years of war, our Army has demonstrated exceptional competence, courage, and resiliency in adapting to the demands of war and accomplishing the mission. Today, however, the Army is failing in its efforts to combat sexual assault and sexual harassment. It is time we take on the fight against sexual assault and sexual harassment as our primary mission. It is up to every one of us, civilian and Soldier, general officer to private, to solve this problem within our ranks. ([More](#))

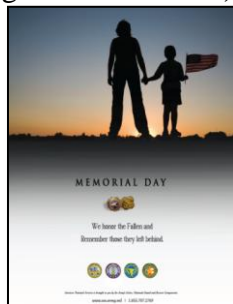


**Flag Placement:** Cemetery volunteers are needed for placement and removal of American flags. The [Rock Island National Cemetery](#) is seeking volunteers to place American flags at the headstones of fallen servicemembers in honor of Memorial Day.



Work to place the flags will begin at 4 p.m., Thursday, **May 23**, rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, flag placement will be 4 p.m., Friday, **May 24**. Work to remove the flags begins at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, **May 28**, weather permitting. All volunteers need to show up inside the cemetery to receive flags and instructions. For more information, call (309) 782-2094.

**Memorial Day Ceremony:** A Memorial Day Ceremony will begin at **10:45 a.m., Monday, May 27**, at [Rock Island National Cemetery](#). There will be no parking at the cemetery for these ceremonies except for individuals who are wheelchair



bound. Parking for all others will be behind Memorial Park in the large lot. Buses will be transporting people from the parking lot to the cemetery and will run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors should arrive early to ensure enough time to park their vehicles and be transported to the cemetery. Memorial Park is located off of the main Island road, Rodman Avenue at the corner of East Street. The public must enter the Arsenal through the Moline gate. Anyone more than 16 years of age must have current photo identification and vehicles may be subject to search. If anyone, over the age of 16, in a vehicle does not have current picture identification they will not be allowed to enter Rock Island Arsenal. For more information, call (309) 782-2094.

### **Depot & Arsenal Executive**

**Leadership Program:** The U.S. Army Materiel Command established the Depot and Arsenal Executive Leadership Program in 2003 to better prepare command teams for the unique challenges of leading an industrial base facility. Administered by the Institute for Defense and Business, and delivered in partnership with the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, DAELP is an executive leadership program serving the commanders and

senior civilian leaders of the nation's depots and arsenals. DAELP is custom-tailored to meet the specific needs of the Defense Industrial Base Management. ([More](#))

### **How to Submit to the Island Insight:**

The Arsenal Island workforce can submit announcements to run in the [weekly publication through this internal link](#). Outside of the installation individuals must send their [submissions for inclusion to this email address](#). The Island Insight is a publication authorized under [AR 360-1](#) to provide information on people, policies, operations, technical developments, trends and ideas of, about, and of interest to the Rock Island Arsenal community.

### **Newcomers Level I Antiterrorism**

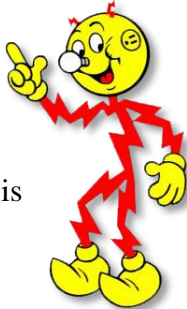
**Training:** The USAG-DPTMS will be offering the mandatory Antiterrorism Level I training on **May 23**. The training is offered Arsenal wide and enrollment is encouraged thru [TEDs](#). Course Title: Garrison Antiterrorism Level I training (New Employees), then enroll under the appropriate date. For tenants without [TEDs](#) access, the briefing will be in



Bldg. 90, Basement - room 14 (under stairway), 8-9 a.m. For more information, contact the USAG-ATO, (309) 782-4577.

## **Power Outages for Buildings 350 & 351, Sunday, June 2, 6 a.m. – 3 p.m.:**

Public Works will be conducting power outages on the following dates and times in locations: Buildings 350 & 351 – The outage will take place Sunday, **June 2**, at 6 a.m., expected duration is nine hours. The purpose of this outage is to perform annual maintenance procedures on the electrical switch gear, installation of a fire suppression system in the telephone and network areas, and installation of a new UPS system.



## **USO Inaugural Bottled Water**

**Donation Drive:** In honor of Military Appreciation Month the Davenport Fire Department is now accepting cases of bottled water during the month of May. You can drop off bottled water at any Davenport Fire Department Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Water will be used at the USO Center as well as



programs and events supporting our local military.

## **Suspension of the Army Suggestion**

**Program:** Suspension of the Army Suggestion Program. As the Army continues to deal with current and future fiscal uncertainty the Department must take all necessary measures to reduce spending while protecting wartime operations and critical Soldier and Family programs. Furthermore, Office of the Secretary of Defense guidance has limited the Army's ability to expend funds for discretionary monetary awards until further notice. ([More](#))



## **Incorrect YTD Totals for TSP,**

**OASDI:** Recently, DFAS updated the Defense Civilian Pay System software and identified that the new software used created a problem that affected TSP contributions and OASDI deductions (OASDI is commonly referred to as "Social Security"). Employees affected by this issue reached their annual limits for TSP and will notice a decrease



and/or zero deduction for pay period ending May 4 for these contribution amounts and may see a higher than normal OASDI deduction. DFAS is currently identifying all the accounts affected and taking corrective actions and will officially notify employees within the next 10 to 14 business days. This notification will provide information on what, if any, actions by the individual employee are necessary to fully correct deductions missed due to the software error. For [questions/clarifications please share this memo](#) and advise employees to contact their Customer Service Representative.

**Blood Drive:** The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the Caisson Room

(First Floor, Bldg. 60), on **Friday, June 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to e-mail [SHoegerl@mvrbc.com](mailto:SHoegerl@mvrbc.com) with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at (563) 359-5401, ext. 119. A **2<sup>nd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **6:15 p.m. on May 24**. A **3<sup>rd</sup> shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 210) beginning at **2:15 a.m. on**



**May 24.** To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor. ([Blood Transfusion En Route to Trauma Center Keeps Navy Vet Alive](#))



**Charlie Corpuscle Says,** "We will have a drawing for a red Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center polo.

Any donors giving on the Arsenal during the month of May will be included in the drawing. Winner will be allowed to specify their size preference."



**The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information click here.**

## **Review Your Official Personnel Folder Before June 1:**

The CPAC reminds Arsenal Island employees that there is a need for you to access your eOPF (electronic Official Personnel Folder) record in order to ensure your records are correct and complete in advance of the destruction



of the hard-copy OPF, currently scheduled for June 1. Effective Oct. 31, employees should have had access to their Official Personnel Folder electronically. Please review the information and follow the instructions to gain access to view your eOPF in the links at the end of this announcement, which link to a packet that also contains a welcome letter for new eOPF users, a screen-shot guide to access, FAQs as well as password reset information. For questions or concerns with the eOPF system, please contact eOPF by calling the Help Desk at 1-866-275-8518 or by contacting them via email at [eOPF\\_hd@telesishq.com](mailto:eOPF_hd@telesishq.com). ([eOPF Welcome Letter & Packet](#)) ([Additional information on eOPF](#))

**RIAWC Golf Tournament:** Cost is \$100/player. Registration includes: Green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, & dinner.

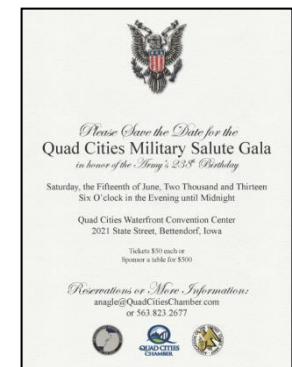
Registration is open until all teams have been filled. Non-players can register for dinner only for \$23. Format: 4-Man Scramble (Best Ball). Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers along with prizes for designated holes. To register for golf, or



RSVP for the dinner only, please contact [Tiffany Horvath](#), (907) 223-5430. If you are interested in sponsoring or donating to this event, please contact Tiffany. Registration: 9-11 a.m. Shotgun start: 11 a.m. Banquet dinner: 6-8 p.m. Please join us ... Tuesday, **May 21**, Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. The RIAWC is proud to partner with the Midwest Small Business Symposium to host the 2013 Charity Golf Outing ... open to all who want to have fun and support the RIAWC.

## **Quad Cities Military Salute Gala:**

**Honoring Those Who Serve:** For all that sequestration has been charged with lately, one consequence is surely an opportunity for the Quad-Cities. Because of budget issues, the Army Birthday Ball that celebrates the rich heritage of our Army has been cancelled at the national level and at the Rock Island Arsenal as well. The Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the Association of the United States Army has long supported this event and saw an opportunity to partner with the Quad-





City Chamber of Commerce to allow the community to host the Quad-Cities Military Salute Gala honoring the 238<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Army. The event will be held on **June 15** at the Q-C Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf. ([More](#)) ([For more information and to R.S.V.P. by June 1](#))

## **RIA AUSA 2013 Golf Outing & Steak Fry:**

The Rock Island Arsenal Chapter of the AUSA will hold its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing & Steak Fry on Friday, **July 26**, at the beautiful Arsenal Island Golf Course. Players ... hurry and [register for this event](#). Only the first 40 teams will play! AUSA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization that supports America's Army – Active, National Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Retirees, Government Civilians, Wounded Warriors, Veterans, and their family members. Proceeds from this event are used to fund all of our Chapter activities including our Soldier & Family Support programs, wounded warrior programs, veteran support initiatives, the USO/AUSA Emergency Relief Grant Program & the RIA AUSA Scholarship program. For thirty years, our Chapter



has supported initiatives to strengthen the viability of the Arsenal, aide MWR & ACS programs, sponsor veteran support programs and we have contributed more than \$125,000 in the last two years for Soldier and Family needs. ([More](#))

**2013 WID Golf Tournament:** Women In Defense 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing: Friday, **Aug. 2**, at Glynn's Creek Golf Course. \$65 per person/WID members \$60 per person. (Includes greens, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, beverages and prizes) Registration/payment due by **July 19**. ([Flyer](#))

**Application of Appropriate OPSEC Measures:** OPSEC measures are implemented based on the Commander's guidance, acceptable risk levels, and available resources. IT is our responsibility is to protect it. Ensure all personnel know the organization's critical information (what to protect) and insure protective measures are in place. Protective measures: • Destroy (burn, shred, and so forth) paper to include unclassified information to prevent the inadvertent disposal of classified and sensitive information. • Randomize security in and around installation / building to prevent setting pattern or observable routine. • Avoid repetitive or

stereotyped tactics and procedures for executing operations or activities in terms of time, place, event sequencing, formations and C2 arrangements. • Conduct random internal unannounced identity and security inspections. • Do not post sensitive or personal information on shared web sites • Do not use same approach route (vehicle) into and out of the installation repetitively. Vary travel routes; do not set patterns. • Avoid bulletin board plan of the day or planning schedule notices that reveal when events will occur. • Ensure that personnel discreetly prepare for their family's welfare in their absence and that their families are sensitized to their potential abrupt departure. Comply with established OPSEC and Security practices for the protection and control of critical information.

## **Arsenal Island Employee Local**

**Discounts:** *The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees –*  
**Bennigan's Rock Island:** Arsenal employees, service men, service women you are always welcome at Bennigan's in Rock Island, and to show you how much your





welcome here, we offer a 25 percent discount off your meal, any day any time (📞). **Pepperjack's Restaurant & Lounge in Davenport:** Rock Island Arsenal employees receive 20 percent off their Pepperjack's entrée when they present their Arsenal identification card (one discount per ID) (📞). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** Arsenal Island employees, we're offering you a 20 percent discount on our services (📞). **Goebel Family Dentistry:** Active duty members of the military receive a 10 percent discount on all services. All other Arsenal civilian employees who are new patients can receive either the free exam and x-rays or a free whitening treatment on their first visit (📞). **Sam's Club:** Come to an open house planned just for the Arsenal Island workforce, Sunday, **May 19**, 6-8 p.m., at the Davenport Sam's Club. Membership not required to participate. Special renewal and sign up membership offer for two hours only (📞). **Big Mouthz BBQ:** We're offering all public employees (city, county, state, and federal) \$1 off their order every Monday (📞). **Leadercast:** Tickets are available for \$110 per person; Arsenal employees and military personnel receive a special discount – use the discount code HOOAH when you register and your ticket price will be \$99 per person (📞).

**Massages By Kim:** For the month of May, in honor of Military Appreciation Month, Massages By Kim is offering 10 percent off to all military and military families (with valid id) for an hour massage. Appointments can be made [online](#), where you can indicate that you're military when scheduling the appointment online in the "Note to Provider" section (📞). *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

**Thank You:** According to a statement sent out by OPM, the Director of CFC, Keith Willingham, said, "I'm pleased to share the results of



the 2012 Combined Federal Campaign. As you know, the 2012 CFC contained many challenges. Yet, federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and postal employees continued to show their commitment to their local communities and the world at large by contributing \$258.3 million to participating CFC charities." As the 2012 and 2013 CFC Chair, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2012 Illowa Bi-State Campaign, as

we contributed more than \$611,000 to the amount above. We look forward to another success campaign in 2013. - *Matthew Kopel, Illowa Bi-State CFC Campaign Chair*

## Arsenal Traffic/Construction

### Closure at North Ave. & Gillespie

**Street:** Phase 3 of the North Avenue project started May 6. Phase 3 consists of storm sewer and paving work at the intersection of North and Gillespie. The completion of Phase 3 will require **30 to 45**



### **days of good**

**weather.** Barricades and signs will be installed and traffic will be routed in accordance with the detour map attached with both inbound and outbound traffic directions (North Avenue Project Phase 3 Inbound-outbound). DPW POCs are Joe Gumpert, (309) 782-1389; and Mike Panilo, (309) 782-6004.

### Notice of Gate Arm Activation - Bldg.

**390:** The gate arm on Pershing Street West, restricting traffic flow, has been lowered for safety reasons. Pershing Street West is a one way street between Bldg. 350 & 390 running from North Ave. to Rodman St. The narrowness of



the roadway; close proximity of the non-curbed sidewalks; closeness of cars parked on the right side of the street; pedestrians walking out from in between parked cars to cross the street and the speed that vehicles were moving along was foreseen as very dangerous to those pedestrians. ASC leadership determined it was prudent to limit access to Pershing Street West, reducing traffic flow for the safety of all.

### Building/Space Closures

**Closure of Third Floors in Bldg. 61, Bldg. 62:** The Directorate of Public Works plans to close Bldg. 61 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and Bldg. 62 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, East and South Wings, **Sept. 10 - 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May** to execute projects. Closure is to prevent individuals from entering the work area and to preclude any potential accidents. Plastic enclosures will be installed from the passenger elevator in Bldg. 62 to the eastern most stairwell in Bldg. 61 so employees in Bldg. 62/3/W have an entry/exit pathway. Entries will be marked with signage and barriers to prevent entry.

### Active Duty/Reserve Zone



#### **Soldiers Must Consider OPSEC**

**When Using Social Media:** It's as easy as a click of a mouse or a tap on a smartphone, and in a few seconds sensitive Army information might be shared that could get Soldiers killed. With the ease of social media, in any part of the globe, at any time, a Soldier, Army civilian or family member can post pictures from a deployment or talk about an Army mission. But these seemingly innocent posts could actually contain sensitive information that endangers Soldiers by revealing locations, security measures, mission operations or troop movements, said the Army's social media experts. ([More](#))

#### **Active Duty Caddie Program at John**

**Deere Classic:** The PGA Tour will once again be sponsoring the Active Duty Caddie Program, for the John Deere Classic, on Wednesday, **July 10**. The PGA is looking for 20 active duty military to participate in the ADCP. The participants will be on-site all morning and will have the opportunity to walk inside the ropes, caddie for, and interact with PGA Tour players. This is open to all branches of the service. Those wanting to participate must have their

supervisor's permission for this duty time event. The point of contact for the Caddie Program is [Marc Raiken](#), (904) 543-5112 or (201) 919-6070.

### Safety Spotlight



**Safety Awareness Day:** To better promote Safety Awareness among our soldiers, civilians and families, the Rock Island Arsenal Garrison is hosting a "Safety Awareness Day" on Thursday, **June 12, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, Bldg. 60 cafeteria. Please join us for safety information dealing with motorcycles, boats, automobiles, holiday celebrations, house fires and various other summer safety activities. All are welcome. For more information call (309) 782-1380.



**Motorcycle Safety Course:** The USAG-RIA Safety Office will be sponsoring upcoming Motorcycle Rider Courses. This cycle rider safety training program will be certified by the



Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The courses are designed to help riders manage their risk and increase their skills through riding and classroom instruction. Per DODI 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, military personnel who operate motorcycles must be appropriately licensed to operate on public highways and must have successfully completed an approved rider or operator safety course meeting the MSF-based State-approved curriculum. Any Soldier operating a motorcycle on the Rock Island Arsenal must be in possession of an MSF card when they ride to verify completion of required training. The next one-day Experienced Rider Courses are scheduled to be conducted on **May 23**, as well as **July 16-18** and **Sept. 17-19**. Additionally, there are still openings for the two-day Basic Rider Course scheduled for **May 21 & 22**. Registration for all courses is through the web-based AIRS system at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS>. For further information, please contact [Michael Chaplin](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2314/1380, or [Nancy Carlson](#), IMRI-SO, at (309) 782-2309.

### **2013 Army Summer Safety**

**Campaign:** We are a few weeks away from launching the 2013 Summer Safety

Campaign, which will once again stress the importance of proactive, prevention-focused risk mitigation during the summer months. The campaign will officially run **May 24** (leading into Memorial Day weekend) – **Sept. 3** (finishing Labor Day weekend). ([US Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center site](#))

### **Safety Gram 13-12 Put a Stop to**

**Shock at Home.** Electricity, it's a part of modern life we often take for granted. But every once in a while we get a shocking reminder that electricity can be one of the biggest hazards in the home. Even a low voltage current can be fatal, especially for children. Use the guidelines to avoid electrical hazards at home. ([More](#))

**Knowledge Newsletter (May 8):** The week's articles/items with hotlinks include: A downloadable motorcycle safety video; Stumped - A Boating Safety article; Teach from our Mistakes - an article on sharing mistakes to help others learn; The All-Nighter - an article on fatigued driving; Did you Know? - an announcement of changes in the Motorcycle Safety Foundations Basic Riders Course; Products & Tools. ([More](#))

**Headphone/Earphone Use Prohibited on Arsenal Island:** The use of headphones or earphones while walking, jogging, skating, and bicycling, including pocket bike, motorcycle or moped on Army installation roads and streets, is prohibited.



Reference: [AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, Chapter 6, para 5](#). Public, Family, and recreational safety programs are an essential part of the Army Safety Program that must continually heighten accident prevention awareness during all on-duty and off-duty recreational programs for Soldiers, Army Civilians, and their Families. Sports and recreational activities continue to rank high as a major cause of accidental injury.

## Equal Opportunity Focus

### **Obama Calls for OPM Review of Gender Pay Gap:**

President Obama called on the Office of Personnel Management to plan a governmentwide strategy to reduce the gender pay gap in the federal workforce, a May 10 memo says. Within 180 days, OPM must submit a strategy that addresses whether

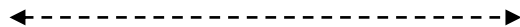




a change in the General Schedule classification system would address the gender pay gap. Salary ranges in the federal workforce are determined by law, but individual salaries and other types of compensation are determined by administrators. ([More](#))

## **Asian Pacific American Heritage**

**Month:** The month of May is recognized as the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This month was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad by a majority of Chinese immigrants on May 10, 1869. This year's theme, Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion, acknowledges all that the U.S. Army has gained from the Asian and Pacific Americans and communities and how the nation has been strengthened and enriched by embracing their cultural diversity. ([More](#))



## Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

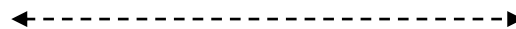


Visit the MWR website at [www.riamwr.com](http://www.riamwr.com) for information on all MWR programs. Also [click here](#) to

become a fan on Facebook, or Twitter [@golf1897](#), and stay up to date on all the great MWR offerings here at the Arsenal.

**MWR Golf Tournament:** Get your foursome together, start swinging the sticks and see if you have what it takes to be crowned Arsenal champs on Friday, **May 24**, 8:30 a.m. This four person best-ball scramble is \$65/player (\$50 for annual pass holders) and includes green fees, cart, lunch and prizes. Call (309) 793-1604 for more info and to register. ([Flyer](#))

**Adult Softball League Now Forming:** Get your team together and start loosening up those arms because spring is here and that means softball season. League starts **May 27** and rosters are due on **May 20**. Maximum of 10 teams and cost is \$420/team. The league is an 18 week season with a single elimination tournament at the end. Please call (309) 782-5124 or stop by the Fitness Center for more info and to sign up. ([Flyer](#))



## MWR Leisure Travel Office



**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 60. The office is

closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., (309) 782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

**Mount Olympus Waterpark:** One of the world's largest wave pools, some of the fastest rivers and steepest slides make Mount Olympus is the best attraction for outdoor summer time fun. Wristbands on sale for \$28, a \$11.99 savings.

**QCA International Soccer:** QCA International Soccer Quad City Eagles soccer team host Blau-Weiss FC from Freiburg Germany for an International game. Davenport Soccer Complex (8991 N Division St., Davenport). Tickets available at [www.quadcityeaglesfc.com](http://www.quadcityeaglesfc.com) or at the game. \$7 for Adults, \$5 for kids, 9 under free with parent. Date: **Wednesday, May 22** Time: **6 p.m.**

**MWR Yard Sale:** It's that time again. MWR is planning another yard sale. So start cleaning out those closets, attics and garages. Leisure Travel is reserving spots for \$5. ([Flyer](#)) Date: **Saturday, June 1** Time: **8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Menopause The Musical:** It is a celebration of women, so bring the girls and laugh out loud about our "silent



passage." Bring your guy, too. See what millions worldwide have been laughing about for more than 10 years! Rated PG-13 for adult content and language. Tickets on sale until **June 29**. \$43.50 a ticket.

Date: **Saturday, July 13**

Time: **5:45 p.m.**

**Heartland Jam 2013:** Leisure Travel will be selling one or two day passes to the Heartland Jam. This two day event will feature Phil Vassar, Kellie Pickler, Darius Rucker, Jerrod Niemann, Lauren Alaina, Rodney Atkins and many more performers. Discounted tickets on sale until **June 29**. One-day ticket = \$44, two-day ticket = \$54.

Date: **Friday, July 19**

Time: **1 p.m.**

## **Outdoor Recreation Summer**

**Entrance:** Starting Monday, **May 20**, Outdoor Recreation Patrons are asked to use the back entrance of Bldg. 333 for equipment pickups and returns. This will make it easier for patrons to load and unload equipment from their vehicles. For more information please phone x-8630.

**Six Flags Great America:** Thrill-seekers are sure to enjoy one of our amazing roller coasters. We have a

variety of out-of-this-world coasters, including Viper, Batman The Ride and Raging Bull, the world's first hyper-twister coaster. In total, the park has nearly seven miles of thrilling coaster track. Discounted tickets adult/child \$36.

**Six Flags Saint Louis:** An amazing theme park featuring awesome rides, great shows, and incredible attractions, plus Hurricane Harbor water park. Discounted one-day admission tickets for adults/children \$36.

**Adventureland Park:** Adventureland Amusement Park contains more than 100 rides, shows, and attractions including some of the country's most exciting roller coasters and thrill rides that can challenge the most avid amusement park enthusiasts. There are also plenty of rides for less adventurous guests as well as a full complement of children's rides. Discounted tickets \$30.

## **Movie Night Gift Cards at Leisure**

**Travel:** Stop by the Leisure Travel Office and pick up a gift card for \$27 that is redeemable at the Regal Moline Stadium Theater for two adult movie tickets and \$10 in concessions. These make great for a present for that special someone in your life. The Leisure

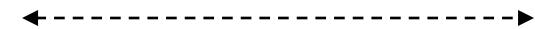
Travel Office also is once again selling discounted single movie tickets for \$8.50. Call (309) 782-5890 for more info. ([Flyer](#))

## Child, Youth & School Services



### **Army Certified Family Child Care**

**Provider:** Would you, or someone you know, be interested in becoming an Army Certified Family Child Care provider for the Arsenal? We are always looking to bring more FCC providers into our program. You would be doing childcare out of your home with access to our lending closet for borrowing supplies, as well as certified training provided through the Arsenal. For questions or more details contact our FCC director Nancy Lawson at (309) 782-0813.



## Army Community Service (ACS)



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> floor SE; Visit

our [ACS website](#) or phone (309) 782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS



classes. Find us on Facebook [click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: (309) 229-8412

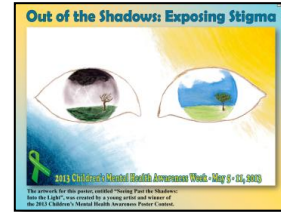
**Army Family Team Building:** Army Family Team Building, an educational program that teaches knowledge of the military, personal growth and resiliency, and leadership skills, is being offered on Rock Island Arsenal. AFTB is offered to the entire military family: military members, family members, civilians, and contractors who live or work within the military community. AFTB Level L (Leadership Development) is **June 5-6**, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Classes will be held at Army Community Service, Bldg. 110, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, SE. To register for these free classes, please call ACS at (309) 782-0829. Civilians can also sign up on [TEDs](#).

## Employee Assistance Program

For free, confidential counseling assistance or for information on services that are available, call (309) 782-4357. Normal business hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For additional information on the Employee Assistance Program see [our website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#).

The new location for the EAP/ASAP is Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, East.

**Children's Mental Health Awareness – May 2013:** Suicide among youth is a reality, and it is more common than we might think. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15 to 24 year olds, claiming more lives than any single disease or condition.



Fortunately, the emotional crises that so often precede suicides are both recognizable and treatable, and good prevention tools can help parents identify a problem before it's too late. In honor of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week that took place May 5 -11, the Rock Island Arsenal Employee Assistance Program invites you to take advantage of the free and confidential counseling services that the program has to offer. Schedule an appointment with an EAP counselor by calling (309) 782-4357. Master-level counselors can provide information, short-term counseling, and referral services. The teenage years can be tumultuous – new relationships, decisions about the future, and even physical changes can be difficult to

handle. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, talk it over with a trained professional at the EAP. Warning signs of suicide: Call 9-1-1 or seek immediate help from a mental health provider if you notice the following: • Someone threatening to hurt or kill him/herself, or talking of wanting to hurt or kill him/herself; • Someone looking for ways to kill him/herself by seeking access to firearms, available pills, or other means. Seek help by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK for a referral should you notice anyone exhibiting one or more of the following: • Hopelessness; • Rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge; • Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities, seemingly without thinking; • Feeling trapped - like there's no way out; • Increased alcohol or drug use; • Withdrawing from friends, family and society; • Anxiety, agitation, inability to sleep or sleeping all the time; • Dramatic mood changes; • Excessive interest, talk, or writings focused on death, dying or suicide; • No reason for living; no sense of purpose in life.

**PTSD Support Groups:** You don't have to go through this alone. The Rock Island Arsenal Health Clinic and Employee Assistance Program are





sponsoring support groups to assist you through this difficult challenge. Contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552 for more details.

**Understanding PTSD:** The RIA EAP is offering educational classes on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Classes will be held in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Room 122, 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the following dates: **May 21, June 25, July 23, and Aug. 27.** Call (309) 782-4357 to enroll.

**Smoking Cessation Group:** Summer is right around the corner. What better time to kick the habit. The Employee Assistance Program offers an educational support group for people who would like to quit smoking. The group meets each Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the EAP office in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

**Stress Management:** The Rock Island Arsenal EAP is offering classes on Stress Management. Classes will be held in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Room 122, 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the following dates: **June 11, July 9, and Aug. 13.** Class size is limited. Call (309) 782-4357 to enroll.

**Grief Support Group:** The Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a support group for individuals who are mourning the death of a loved one. The

group will meet on Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m., in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Room 122. For more information contact Rita Baugh, EAP counselor, at (309) 782-2552.

### Education/Training Review

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**The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: (309) 782-2065 Fax: (309) 782-7901. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more.**

**Service Members Invited to Take the Kuder Journey – Explore Interests, Skills, Work Values:** Kuder Journey is a fun and convenient career transition assessment system. It was specifically designed for the U.S. Military and is designed to assist Service Members in quickly and accurately defining their interests, skills and work values. It is a valuable tool in building a personal career plan, exploring occupational information and planning for future success. Kuder Journey is free for service members, and registration is easy. Visit [www.dantes.kuder.com](http://www.dantes.kuder.com) to register. GoArmyEd users are encouraged to upload their Kuder search

results to their GoArmyEd account e-file. For more information, contact the Army Education Center. POC [Stephanie Allers](#), (309) 782-2065.

### Miluniversity Adds to Army Online Learning Opportunities

A new learning portal provides enhanced training and access to Department of Defense professional networking tools. Developed by the Army's Military Technical (MilTech) Solutions Office, milUniversity bridges the gap between how people prefer to learn -- those who enjoy attending training classes, but may have questions afterward, and those who prefer to learn at their own pace by reading text and viewing videos. ([More](#))

### Commissary / Exchange

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**The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only, with the exception of select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you! Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit**



basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [HERE](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) (Facebook)

## Arsenal Archive

Information for the *Arsenal Archive* is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sunday, Monday, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

**Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Meeting:** Members from the Louisa County Historical Society will speak about the Six Littleton Brothers-- All Casualties of the Civil War. If you join us for dinner, advanced reservations must be made with Linda at (563) 355-6165, by **June 3**. The 7 p.m. program is free and open to the public.  
Date: **Thursday, June 6**  
Time: **6 p.m. Dinner, and 7 p.m. Speaker**

**This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – May 20-26:** On May 24, 1870, the stone construction work for RIA Commander's Quarters One began. On May 25, 1934, Col. Alexander Gillespie received command of the RIA.

**Pioneer Living Day at the Colonel Davenport House:** The Colonel Davenport House, located on the North end of Arsenal Island, is stepping back in time for Pioneer Living Day on **Saturday, June 15**. Be a part of history from George Davenport's time 1-4 p.m. with guided tours of the house, and outside in the yard see log raft demonstrations, black-powder gun demonstrations, children's games, pioneer crafts, a doll quilt display, and many re-enactors to take a picture with you. Pioneer Living Day is included with regular admission to the house: \$5 adults; \$3 seniors/students/active military; \$10 family. For more information, visit their website at [www.davenporthouse.org](http://www.davenporthouse.org).



## Healthbeat

**Health Clinic Announcement:** Sick Call hours 7-8 a.m. Lab closed **May 24, 28**. Tricare Closed **May 24**. Clinic Closed Holiday **May 27**. Clinic closed Staff Meeting/Training **May 31** at 11:30 a.m. For any issues or concerns with the RIAHC clinic please call our customer support line (309) 782-0721.

## Notes for Veterans

**VA Announces New Grants to Help End Veterans' Homelessness:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced two new grants to support Secretary Eric K. Shinseki's goal of ending Veterans' homelessness in 2015. Under these new programs, homeless providers can apply for funding to enhance the facilities used to serve homeless Veterans, and acquire vans to facilitate transportation of this population. "Those who have served this Nation as Veterans should never find themselves on the streets, living without care and without hope," said Secretary Shinseki. "Homeless prevention grants provide community partners with the opportunity to help prevent and end homelessness on the local level. This is a crucial tool to get at-risk Veterans and their families on the road to stable, secure lives." ([More](#))



## VA to Use Overtime to Cut Claims

**Backlog:** The Department of Veterans Affairs this week said it would mandate overtime as part of its effort to speed up elimination of its disability compensation claims backlog. In a May 15 announcement, VA said it would require overtime for claims processors in its 56 regional benefits offices through the end of fiscal 2013 as part of a "surge" to address the backlog. VA said it would emphasize high-priority claims for homeless veterans, those claiming financial hardship, terminally ill, former prisoners of war, Medal of Honor recipients and veterans filing "fully developed claims"—claims for which all necessary information has been furnished. ([More](#))

## Carpooling Announcements

Submit carpooling announcements via the [Island Insight submission page](#). Please use that page to contact Garrison Public Affairs to take your announcement off once you have found a ride.

## Carpool:

- **Carpool:** Looking for a ride and pay. Flexible work hours are to 6 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Call thru Illinois relay at (800) 526-0857 to contact me at (309) 782-1078 (TTY). Email: [michael.r.braun.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michael.r.braun.civ@mail.mil)
- **Carpool:** Looking to join a carpool from around the Kewanee area. Current hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but can change. Call me at (563) 782-1115.
- **Carpool:** New hire with flexible hours seeking to pay for ride from Moline 9<sup>th</sup> & 53<sup>rd</sup>, (Franklin School area) (309) 757-5755.

## Around the Q.C.



- May 25:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
- May 25:** [4<sup>th</sup> Annual 4x4 Show](#) (DK Four Wheel, Moline)
- May 27:** [Quad Cities Criterium](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
- June 1:** [Mel Foster Color the Quads 5K](#) (Cumberland Square, Bettendorf)
- June 1-2:** [QC Pridefest 2013, Bursting With Pride](#) (Mary's on 2nd, 832 West 2nd Street, Davenport)
- June 7-8:** [Gumbo Ya Ya - Mardi Gras in The District](#) (The District, Rock Island)
- June 8:** [Quad-Cities Comic Book Convention](#) (Ramada Inn, Bettendorf)
- June 8:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Open Run Car Show](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

- June 8:** [Ride for Life](#) (Women's Choice Center, 2711 Happy Joe Drive Bettendorf)
- June 12-15:** [Rally on the River](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)
- June 14:** [Greek Cultural Festival](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, East Moline)
- June 15:** [Pioneer Living Day](#) (COL Davenport House)
- June 16:** [Ride the River Bike Ride](#) (Davenport to Moline)
- June 16:** [Ride the River Lunch Stop](#) (COL Davenport House)
- June 22:** [Royal Ball Run 5K and Fun Run for Autism](#) (Milan Community Center)
- June 22-23:** [27<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)
- June 23:** [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)
- June 24:** [YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing](#) (Pinnacle Country Club, Milan, Ill.)
- June 25-29:** [Rock Island County Fair](#) (Fairgrounds, East Moline)
- June 27-29:** [Antique Automobile Club of America Grand National Show](#) (John Deere Commons, Moline)
- July 3:** [Red, White & Boom!](#) (The District, Downtown Davenport)
- July 4-6:** [Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
- July 5-21:** [Countryside Community Theatre Les Misérables](#) (North Scott High School Auditorium in Eldridge)
- July 8-14:** [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis)
- July 13:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)
- July 19-21:** [USA BMX National Championships](#) (East Moline BMX Speedway)





**July 19-20:** [Heartland Jam](#) (Centennial Park, Downtown Davenport)  
**July 26-27:** [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**July 27:** [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**July 30-Aug. 4:** [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport)  
**Aug. 1-4:** [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (LeClaire Park and RiverCenter)  
**Aug. 8-10:** [Tug Fest](#) (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Ill.)  
**Aug. 9-10:** [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)  
**Aug. 10:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)  
**Aug. 10-17:** [ISC Men's Fastpitch World Tournament](#) (Greenvalley Sports Complex, Moline)  
**Aug. 16-17:** [River Roots Live](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Aug. 17:** [Floatzilla](#) (Sunset Marina, Rock Island)  
**Aug. 24:** [Quad Cities Irish Festival](#) (Rock Island)  
**Aug. 22-25:** [World Series of Drag Racing](#) (Cordova Dragway)  
**Aug. 31-Sept. 1:** [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)  
**Sept. 7:** [Case Creek Obstacle Survival 5K Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)  
**Sept. 7:** [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Downtown Davenport)  
**Sept. 7:** [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf)  
**Sept. 7-8:** [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Sept. 14:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)

**Sept. 21:** [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)  
**Sept. 21:** [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park, Davenport)  
**Sept. 21-22:** [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Village of East Davenport)  
**Sept. 22:** [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)  
**Sept. 27-29:** [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Kennedy Square, East Moline)  
**Oct. 5:** [Inaugural Milan Fireworks Fun d Run](#) (Camden Park, Milan)  
**Oct. 12:** [Trinity Quad Cities Classic Regatta](#) (On the Mississippi River in Moline)  
**Oct. 12:** [Quad Cities Cruisers Cruise-In](#) (SouthPark Mall, Moline)  
**Oct. 24:** [Fright Night](#) (The District, Rock Island)  
**Oct. 26:** [Witches Walk](#) (Downtown LeClaire)  
**Oct. 26:** [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Sylvan Island)  
**Oct. 26-27:** [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, Milan)  
**Nov. 15-24:** [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)  
**Nov. 16:** [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)  
**Nov. 16:** [Lighting on the John Deere Commons and Holiday Pops Concert](#) (Downtown Moline)  
**Dec. 1:** [19<sup>th</sup> Century Christmas](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

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